

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the specification by inserting the paragraph below, after the title on page 1.

**Cross-Reference to Related Application**

[0001.1] This application claims priority based on International Patent Application No. PCT/FR2003/002947, entitled "Achromatic and Absorption Reducing Light Collecting System, Particularly Adapted to Optical Spectrometric Analysis" by Jean-Charles HUBINOIS, Vincent LAVOINE, and Herve CHOLLET, which claims priority of French Application No. 02 12467, filed on October 8, 2002, and which was not published in English.